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Guard dives into action

By Staff Sgt. Jeff Loftin
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

A flash of fear rushed through him as he dove into the crystal blue water and raced toward the small body floating on the surface. Her body was limp and blue as he pulled her from the water and opened her airway. His heart pounded as he listened for any sign of breathing. Just as he was about to start rescue breathing for her, he heard faint breathing. She was alive.

The lifeguard, Danny Keslar, was presented a plaque and a \$250 award June 19 for his heroic rescue of 4-year-old Courtney Tuten at the Natatorium recently.

"I can't thank him enough for what he did," said Airman Kevin Tuten, the girl's father. "Without him I know my daughter would not be here. I'm glad he did what he did and that he was as quick to respond as he was. He was very professional. I'm glad the Natatorium has competent people there for emergencies."

At about 6 p.m. June 10 Keslar was filling in for another lifeguard when he noticed a little girl swimming on her back. The girl began



Danny Keslar

to flail in the water, but before he could jump in she flipped onto her back and started swimming again. He became concerned about her safety and a few minutes later that concern paid off.

"I looked at her, looked away and then looked back at her and she was on her stomach," said Keslar. "Sometimes kids get going and just play around so I kept an eye on her. I looked around and looked back at her and she was still on her stomach. I was like I got to go get her

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Let's get this party started!



Photos by Rachelle Felarca

Above: Katie Bullen, an excited 3-year-old Yokotan, waves an American Flag, Wednesday during the Independence Day celebration to spur on a more festive spirit among other participants. Riding with the young and enthusiastic Bullen are her brother, Joey and friend Aliyah Williams, who are equipped with star-spangled-banners as well.

Right: The Black Power Ranger, after a quick battle with intergalactic villains, keeps three other young Americans riveted with his performance.

Later in the evening, the annual fireworks show was cancelled due to weather. So, this year's Friendship Festival, Aug. 12 and 13, will include two nights of fire works.



Crude projectiles fired at Yokota Monday

By Senior Airman Matt Miller
Fuji Flyer Editor

Two non-explosive projectiles were fired at Yokota's east side Monday evening in what Japanese police believe to be a sabotage attempt by leftist radicals in protest to the Group of Eight Summit later this month.

No injuries or damage have been reported.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Gordon Van Vleet, a base spokesman, two pieces of metal were fired toward the base's runway at around 11:30 p.m.

"The projectiles were fired from two small metal pipes which were located outside the northeast perimeter of the base on the property of a local construction company," he said.

One of the projectiles has been recovered and has been determined by security personnel to have no explosive properties.

The second object has yet to be recovered and base residents are encouraged not to handle objects that seem strange or out of the ordinary.

"People should leave the object where it is and immediately contact security forces," said Van Vleet.

Japanese authorities are handling the investigation

since the objects were fired from off base. Through their search, two steel pipes measuring 21 inches long and 2 inches in diameter were found partially buried on the company's grounds. Cables and a timing device that are believed to have been used in the firing were also discovered nearby.

"We are confident that the local Japanese authorities will handle this matter properly and conduct a thorough investigation," said Maj. Stephen Clutter, 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs. "Yokota will cooperate fully with Japanese officials."

This is not the first time Yokota has been fired upon by radical groups. Coincidentally, projectiles were also launched at the base in 1986 and 1993 – the same time Japan was hosting the Group of Seven Summits. There were no injuries in any of these incidents.

In response to the firing, the base has increased its threat condition to BRAVO. Base members are asked to increase their awareness of the surroundings and report any suspicious activities to security forces.

Yokota residents that have information pertaining to this investigation are asked to call the Air Force Office of Special Investigations at 225-7910 or the Law Enforcement Desk at 225-7227.

Understanding Threatcon BRAVO

Threat condition BRAVO signifies an increased and more predictable threat of terrorist activity. Base members need to know a few basics to eliminate being a target of these terrorist activities.

- Ensure exterior lighting is operational.
- Report abandoned or suspicious packages and vehicles.
- Verify the identity of all personnel in and around the work center.
- Vary daily routines and traveling routes.
- Regularly inspect all buildings, rooms and storage areas. These areas should be secured at all times.
- Examine mail and parcels.
- Lock all vehicles when not in use.
- Review bomb threat procedures.
- Report any suspicious activity to the Law Enforcement Desk at 225-7227.

Forty-four recieve citizenship awards

By Rachelle Felarca
Staff Writer

More than forty Yokota teenagers received recognition for their contributions to the community during the Teen Citizenship Awards Banquet and Ceremony June 30.

“Youth should be awarded for good citizenship and positive contributions to the community,” said Rose Macon, youth development coordinator, who also started the Teen Citizenship Awards. “I believe the Teen Citizenship Awards should be continued (in order) to motivate and to increase the amount of teens throughout the following years. We hope to motivate everyone to go out and get into competition for next year’s awards ceremony.”

The ceremony, held at the Officers’ Club, honored students from ages 10 to 18 for demonstrating positive attitudes, taking responsibility and staying out of trouble as well as having grades above a “C” average on their last report card. Students must also have a clean youth development program case file for the last six months.

Citizenship awards winners were involved in activities like chapel youth groups, junior and senior councils, Girl Scouts and Boys Scouts as well as Teen Center programs. By volunteering teenagers save organizations and programs a lot of money. The majority of the feedback from the community has been positive.

Col. Mark Zamzow, 374th Airlift Wing commander presented winners with a plaque and gift. Contributors such as, 374th Division Services, 374th Comptroller Squadron, Officers Spouses Club, Semper Fi, and Army Air Force Exchange donated the awards and gifts.

The purpose for this program is to encourage teens to continue being active in their community and to be role models for younger children and at the same time for staying out of trouble. The goal of the program is to increase the number of teens doing positive things.

To be nominated, members from organizations or programs that the youth are involved, should fill out an application for the nominee and turn it in to Macon, at the Civilian Personnel Office. Applications are available at the Family Support Center, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and both youth centers.

Congratulations to the following 2000 Teen Citizenship Award winners:

Justin C. Antes, Kristen M. Antes, Kayla

A. Bartels, Jerald R. Bartolome, Andrew D. Beaty, Tori M. S. Brooks, Cheryl M. Brown, Rebecca Brusseau, Josh Fadden, Chandra Farlow, Aime’e Frisbee, Sarah Frisbee, Christine M. Gustin, Khadijeh J. Hajiaghamohseni, Christopher Henderson, Marie Elizabeth A. Holding, Latoya D. Jones, Daniel E. Keslar, Dennis M. Keslar, Kenneth F. Keslar, II, Siobhan Koram, Rebecca L. Marlow, Regina L. Marlow, Monique L. Parks, Jayme Pemberton, Charles M. Pyryt, Sheena C. V. Reekie, Robert Rogers, Latoya Simmons, Angelina Smith, Alycia C. Sorlie, Michael D. Stachnik, Nyriesha L. Stewart, Elizabeth L. Tanner, Jimmy Threatt, Kimberly .N Tong, Michael A. Tong, Amy Wade, Kristin Wade, Brett C. B. Wagner, Maren J. B. Wagner, Rachel L. A. Walker, Corie D. White, and Rita Williams.

Fourteen airmen selected for promotion

Recently 14 airmen from the 374th Airlift Wing and tenant units were considered and selected for promotion to senior airman below-the-zone. They will all sew on their new chevron between July and September.

They are as follows:

Naneshia Brown – 374th Dental Squadron

Sharon Bennett – 374th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Isaiah Dolan – 374th Security Forces Squadron

Leopoldo Garcia – 374th Communications Squadron

Kristy James – 374th Operations Sup-

port Squadron

Christian Manglona – 374th Operations Support Squadron

Eric Miller – 630th Air Mobility Support Squadron

Matthew Mitchell – 36th Airlift Squadron

Pedro Morales – 374th Civil Engineer Squadron

Nicole Panis – 374th Security Forces Squadron

Charles Rolfes – 624th Air Control Flight

Staci Schouest – 30th Airlift Squadron

Kevin Strike – 374th Maintenance Squadron

Jason Whisennand – 374th Communications Squadron

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and I jumped in. At first I was scared, then adrenaline started flowing and I just jumped in and swam to her.

“When I picked her up she was real limp and her lips and face were blue,” he said. “I screamed to the other lifeguards. They jumped in. I don’t remember putting her on the wall, but I remember having her set down and tilting her head back to see if she was breathing and to open her airway. I was just about to give her rescue breathing when I heard faint breathing. It was real faint, but it was breathing — good enough for me. I just kept her head back and kept listening. I remember screaming call 911. By that time there was another lifeguard there checking her pulse. Then she opened her eyes and that was a big relief because I knew that she was OK.”

Courtney opened her eyes, screamed and then closed them. Keslar put his head back down to ensure she was still breathing and she screamed right in his ear. The little girl closed her eyes again. A few minutes later she opened them and began screaming. Within minutes she was able to tell the lifeguards her name and her age. Rescue personnel soon arrived and transported her to the hospital. Keslar

and the other lifeguards who helped, Clint and Tate Anderson, went to visit Courtney in the hospital after their shift.

“I was happy that she was alive,” said Keslar. “It was scary, but I had to do what I had to do. Once I jumped in the water what I was trained to do took over and I did what I was supposed to do. I got her to the wall and opened her airway.”

A week later Courtney’s parents asked Keslar to come to the Natatorium and swim with her, which he did. Her mom said that Courtney wanted to go back to the Natatorium the night it happened. However, it wasn’t so easy for Keslar to forget the incident.

“At first I didn’t want to go back on stand,” he said. “I didn’t want that to happen again. I was like a little nervous. I kept thinking I should have got to her earlier. I wanted to get her the first time I saw her. I didn’t because she got up on her back before I could.

“I’ve gotten over that now, but I’ll always remember it,” he said. “I always wanted to be a lifeguard. I thought that was the coolest job in the world. I’m just glad I was there and was able to help out.”

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Your personal security depends on vigilance

Information provided by the 374th Security Forces Squadron

The Khobar Towers bombing in 1996, which killed 19 U.S. soldiers and injured 260, showed the world how important force protection can be. It's still important and with the G-8 summit fast approaching, security officials say it's a good time to think about your security.

"The use of bombs and improvised explosive devises in the commission of terrorist attacks is an all too common occurrence," said Staff Sgt. Killjan Anderson, 374th Security Forces Squadron NCO in charge of force protection. "Be aware of your surroundings and report any unattended item or items which look out of place to the security forces."

With force protection being everyone's responsibility, it is important to be on the lookout for, and know what to do if you come across a suspicious package. Generally, you should get away from it, keep other people away and notify the security forces.

If you find a suspicious package, don't panic. Note the description and location of the package. Don't ignore it, open it or move the package. Don't keep it a secret. Evacuate the area and account for all evacuated personnel.

"When dealing with a potential explosive device, it is impossible to calculate an acceptable minimum safe distance," said

Anderson. "As a general rule, the farther you are away from the bomb, the safer you are."

Don't operate radio or electrical equipment near the package. Wait until you get away from the affected area to call 911 and report the incident. Be ready to give a description and the location of the package to responding personnel. And, lastly don't allow anyone back into the area until it has been declared safe.

In addition to looking out for suspicious packages, there are other things you can do to enhance force protection at Yokota.

Stay alert to what is going on around you. Know what is normal in your area.

Stay unpredictable. Don't have a set pattern. Terrorists watch for patterns and take advantage of them. Vary your routes to work. Don't always go shopping on Thursdays and leave the house at the same time of day. Terrorists won't take unnecessary risks.

Stay low key. Try to blend in. While this will be difficult in Japan, you can avoid loud and obnoxious behavior and known trouble spots.

Stay informed. Knowledge is power and the more you know about the local area, the better off you are. Get the most current information about the local threat by reading local papers and watching the news.

For more information on force protection, call 225-8716.

Higher temperatures equals higher power consumption

By Dennis Chen
374th Civil Engineer Squadron

The tempature is rising, and as it does, Yokota's use of electricity rises as well. Still, by using air conditioners wisely and keeping them running efficiently, residents can conserve energy while keeping cool. The latest three-year average cost for Yokota's air conditioning was \$47,750 a day, but a difference can be made.

During the summer Yokota pays three different electric rates. They are based on the time of day electricity is used – night, day and peak hours. The night rate is 75 percent less than the peak rate. There are a few ways base resident can reduce the amount of electricity it consumes:

- Set the thermostat to 78 degrees Fahrenheit. Energy consumption rises exponentially as the difference between the outside and the inside temperature increases, especially during the hottest part of the day.
- Residents should clean or replace air conditioner filters monthly. Furthermore, lowering the thermostat doesn't decrease the time it takes to cool a room. When the filter is dirty, the fan has to run longer in order to move the same amount of air. This increases the time it takes to cool down the house as well as using excess energy. A dirty air filter can reduce the efficiency of an air conditioner by 25%.
- Turn off air conditioners when occupants are gone for two or more hours. This is an excessive waste of energy. By turning the air conditioner off it will take less energy to cool the room after returning than if it had been left on. Also, don't cool unused rooms during the day. Garden residents should consider turning the units off during the day. And one other tip – if the humidity is high set the fan to a lower speed. Lower fan settings remove more humidity, which raises the comfort level, than higher ones.
- Close the blinds and shades during the hot part of the day. Do the cooking, laundry, and other heat generating activities in the mornings and evenings, this will greatly reduce heat inside. Keep in mind that air conditioners have to fight the heat produced in the kitchens, laundry rooms so in actuality, energy is used to neutralize energy. Outdoor cooking on a grill saves energy as well, and fans use about a tenth of the energy of an air conditioner.
- Tolerance of heat can always be reduced by regular moderate exercise, the reduction of fats and sugars in the diet, eating plenty of fresh fruit, and drinking at least eight glasses of water a day.

This summer emphasis is on comfort without waste. With help, Yokota can reach the energy reduction goals with smart and painless efforts.

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Security top priority for Yokota

by Maj. Stephen Clutter
Chief of Wing Public Affairs

Maybe you've noticed them. Japanese police officers pedaling around base or patrolling around the fence line. Or maybe the imposing police riot bus parked near the East Gate.

What's going on, you ask.

Hopefully nothing, according to base security officials. But because of the upcoming Group of Eight Summit on Okinawa later this month, security is being stepped up here just to ensure nothing does happen here.

"I don't want to cry wolf, but the G-8 Summit is coming up and we've seen in the past where high-profile political events like this are used as an opportunity for getting attention," said Maj. Tim Zoerlein, of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

The G-8 Summit is a yearly conference of the top executives of seven industrialized nations (Japan, United States, Canada, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy) and Russia. It was called the Group of Seven until Russia was recently included. These executives, along with leaders from the European Union, will meet to discuss political and economic issues facing the world from July 21 to 23 in Nago City.

Zoerlein, who is Commander of AFOSI Detachment 621, said Yokota has been targeted twice with improvised mortar devices during past G-7 Summits held in Tokyo.

Those events occurred in 1986 and 1993. Although there was no property damage or injuries, the fact that Yokota was targeted during past summits is reason enough for people to be vigilant during this upcoming meeting, Zoerlein said.

According to news reports, Japanese officials are genuinely concerned about legal protests during the summit on Okinawa. Organizations that staged protests recently at the International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings in Washington DC and disrupted the World Trading Organization meeting in Seattle earlier, have vowed to bring their act to Okinawa.

Although the summit will be held hundreds of miles away from Yokota, there is ample reason to be concerned about security here, including the fact that some support for President Clinton's journey to Japan will be staged out of Yokota.

Japanese police officers are helping to provide additional security for the base, but base residents are being asked to lend their eyes and ears as important force multipliers.

"This not just the job of the Security Forces Squadron and OSI," Zoerlein said. "Force protection is everyone's responsibility."

Also, if Yokota were being targeted, much of the preparation work, such as surveillance and probing for information, would likely be going on right now.

Security officials are asking residents to let them know if they see any suspicious activity. Residents should be especially wary of strangers who press them to gain access to the base or express an unusual interest in activities on Yokota.

People should also be aware of the fact that third country nationals are not allowed on base without special permission.

There is no such thing as a silly tip, Zoerlein added. "We are not going to laugh at you if you come to us with some information. It may not seem like much, but your tip may be the one piece of the puzzle we're looking for. We will follow-up every tip to it's logical conclusion."

If the situation is urgent, such as an act in progress, call the Security Forces law enforcement desk at 225-7227 or dial 911. Otherwise call OSI at 225-7910.

What's your perspective on commitment

By Lt. Col. Mike Kukulski
23rd Operations Support Squadron commander

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AFPN)

— What is commitment? Is it pulling a 90- to 120-day rotation in Southwest Asia every year? Could it be working 12-hour duty days on the flightline or at the front gate in lousy weather? Is it serving a remote tour unaccompanied by your spouse and children? Might it be doing work that would earn you two or three times as much pay in the civilian sector? How about uprooting your family from home, school and friends every couple of years for a permanent change of station?

These hardships are but a few examples of the sacrifices every service member makes. Each Air Force person should be proud of his or her service in the defense of our nation and the principles it represents, and of the commitment they have made to do so.

But our pride is tempered by the fact we are well compensated for our service with regular pay and raises, bonuses and allowances, medical and dental care, life

insurance, retirement programs and more.

Some of us probably simply view our commitments as the price we pay to receive these material benefits. But to serve for these material ends alone makes us nothing better than mercenaries, or "hired guns." Do we really "fly and fight" just for the money, or is there something more?

Perhaps we should look back in history at some examples of commitment and reflect on where our commitment truly lies.

On March 6, 1836, after a siege lasting 13 days, a fortified mission near San Antonio, Texas, known as the Alamo fell to the 2,000-strong Mexican army led by Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. One hundred eighty-nine Texan volunteers, seeking Texas' independence from Mexico, fought to the last man in the Alamo's defense.

The 54th Massachusetts Regiment led two brigades of Union infantry in an assault on the Confederate Army's Fort Wagner, near Charleston, S.C., July 18, 1863. The 600-man regiment, comprised of all African-American troops, charged the fort in the face of repeated volleys of heavy musket fire. It then held the ramparts for over an hour in hand-to-hand fighting before being

repulsed by superior forces at a loss of 272 killed, wounded or captured.

As the aircraft carrier USS Hornet steamed toward Tokyo, Japan, April 18, 1942, Japanese picket ships detected her approach. With the element of surprise in question and the entire carrier group endangered, the Hornet quickly launched 16 B-25 bombers, led by Lt. Col. James "Jimmy" Doolittle.

Taking off from a point 200 miles farther from the target than planned, each crew knew they had insufficient fuel to reach China's mainland after the attack and would probably need to ditch in the East China Sea. Fourteen of the 16 aircraft successfully bombed their primary or secondary targets. While unexpected tailwinds enabled all but two of the B-25s to actually reach the Chinese mainland, because of darkness and fuel exhaustion all of the bombers were destroyed as their crews bailed out or crash-landed. The Japanese captured eight of the raiders, and later executed three for "war crimes."

On Oct. 14, 1943, "Black Thursday," the 15 B-17 bombers of the 305th Bomb Group took off from Chelveston, England, as part

of 8th Air Force's massive second raid on the ball bearing factories at Schweinfurt, Germany. Flying beyond the range of allied fighter escort, their formations were relentlessly mauled by Luftwaffe fighters. Of the original 15 bombers, only three made it to the target area, one carrying on in flames to drop its bombs. Just two B-17s returned, the group suffering an 87 percent attrition rate and the loss of 130 men killed, wounded or captured.

Webster's Dictionary defines commitment as "the state of being bound emotionally or intellectually to an ideal or course of action." Beyond a doubt, those courageous people, in the face of disheartening odds, were committed to something. How many died never knowing whether their sacrifices counted or were in vain?

They all must have believed in something — something that told them there was good to be gained in the attempt, even at the cost of their own lives, something worth fighting and dying for. They had certainly embraced the principles of right and wrong, freedom, and justice. I am sure their self-perceptions of this varied widely, with some deeply introspective and philosophical, and with others simply doing what "they thought was right."

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Yokota's DUI Program

Units having DUI arrests (June 22 - July 5)

— 630th Air Mobility Support Squadron

"DUI Free" streak: 4 days (as of July 5)



Yokota's punishments for drinking and driving:

.05-.07 BAC = 14 days walking and 6 points

.08-.09 BAC = 90 days walking and 6 points

.10 and above = 365 days walking and 6 points

DUI running totals: July — 1; year to date — 34

Call 225-RIDE

Movie schedule

Today – *Return to Me*, PG, 6:30 p.m.; *Gone in 60 seconds*, PG-13, 9 p.m.
Saturday – *Gone in 60 Seconds*, PG-13, 6:30 and 9 p.m.
Sunday – *Price of Glory*, PG, 2 p.m.; *Gone in 60 Seconds, PG-13*, 7 p.m.
Monday – *Price of Glory*, PG, 7 p.m.
Tuesday – *Where the Money Is*, PG, 7 p.m.
Wednesday – *Keeping the Faith*, PG, 7 p.m.
Thursday – *Keeping the Faith*, PG, 7 p.m.

225-RIDE

Yokota’s 225-RIDE designated driver program is looking for volunteers to carry pagers during the week and cover the phone during the weekends. For more information, call Senior Airman Louella Sickels at 225-6238.

NCO Induction

The NCO Induction ceremony will take place at 9 a.m. July 18 in the Officer’s Club Ballroom.
For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Eric Craig at 225-8856.

Family Support Center

Job Fair — For SOFA-status personnel, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 18 in the FSC auditorium. Employers include Family Member programs, the commissary, Army Air Force Exchange Service, and Community Bank. Reservations are not required.
Participants should come prepared to

complete job applications and for interviews. Bring ID card, passport, copy of orders, Social Security Card, etc. No child care available so parents are asked not to bring children.
For more information, call Lana Smith or Kyna Weaver at 225- 8725.
Teen Volunteer Seminar — From 11 a.m. until 12 p.m., July 14-24, in the Family Support Center. Come investigate the following areas: What to do with your free time, options for service learning hours during the school year, writing volunteer experience on a resume and completing job or college applications. Seminar is aimed for teens over 14 years old. No child care is available, so parents are asked not to bring small children.
Call 225-8725 to sign up.
Home Enterprise Seminar — Come and listen to the experts discuss how to apply to run your own business at 9 a.m. July 25. Yokota home enterprises vary from selling products, to beauty care, to building fences, to cleaning, to “odd jobs,” and more. Only for Yokota residents and no child care is available. For more information on applications to process a Home Enterprise, call the Family Support Center. Call 225-8725 to register for the seminar.
Tips on Modeling Seminar — Learn useful information about modeling in Japan at 3 p.m. July 14 in the Family Support Center. Learn what to consider before registering with agencies, how fees are paid, how to sign up, and more. No child care is available. Call 225-8725 to register for the seminar.

Bundles For Babies Seminar — Will be held at the Family Support Center Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday. Some of the topics discussed include: budgeting for baby, pediatrics and dental health, growth and development, and relationships.
Call 225-8725 to sign up.

Native American Month

The committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the base library to begin preparations for this year’s events. Everyone is welcome (you do not have to be a Native American). For more information, call Edo Forsythe at 225-6243 or 042-530-5325 or e-mail: edosan@gol.com.

Road closures

There will be a half road closure on Loring circle and the parking lot near the West Elementary School, Bldg. 1239, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until July 15. Cheli Street will also be closed until Monday due to upgrading existing base roads.
For more information, call 374th CES/CECCI (Construction Inspection) at 225-8123.

PAC-10 Golf Team

The PAC-10 Lady Golfers will play a round with Yokota Personnel. Showtime is 6:30 a.m. Saturday at the Tama Hills Golf Course. For more information, call Tama Hills Golf Course at 225-3426.

Red Cross training

Red Cross training for the month of July includes:

Wednesday — Introduction to Disaster;
July 18 to 19 — Emergency Assistance to Families;
July 26 — Damage Assessment .
All training will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and will be held in Bldg. 4018 on the second floor. For more information, call 225-7522.
Pen pals
The Teen Center is in need of pen pals for incoming teens. Teens coming in have a variety of interests, and most of them can be reached by e-mail. Must be 13-18 years old and from Yokota.
For more information, call 225-6793.

Limited lodging

Lodging is extremely limited through Sept. 1. This is due to on-going construction and exercises/inspections. Space available guests, should be prepared to spend an average of \$100 per night at local hotels.
Official travelers on orders should make reservations as soon as notification is received. For reservations, call 225-7176.

Concert vouchers

The United Services Organization has discount military vouchers for the “Goody Mob World Party Tour”. The concert is from 7 to 11 p.m. July 25 at the Liquid Room in Tokyo-Shinjuku. Vouchers are available at the USO Mainland Japan Administrative Office located in Bldg. 4018, Room 207, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Dog — Free, to a good home, neutered, medium size black dog, good with children.227-3734(1)

Dog — Boxer, one year old, great with kids and other dogs. All shots current and includes a new gaint kennel. \$350 OBO. 227-2187.(1)

Puppies — Born May 27, fawn, JKC registered, paper trained and very adorable. \$500. Price includes delivery. Call Hannah at (0267) 45-3238.(1)

HELP WANTED

AAFES Openings — Jobs available at Popeye's, the Food Court, Burger King, Main Exchange, Shoppettes, warehouses and school cafeterias. Day and night shifts available. Apply at AAFES Human Resource Office. For more information call 225-3704.(2)

Yokota East Elementary School Openings — Positions available for GS-04 Office Automation Clerk, GS-05 Office Automation Clerk and (contract position) Lunch Monitor. See Yokota East Elementary School's main office to pick up an application or for more information call Rhonda at 225-5503/04.(1)

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Baby sitter— Looking for a teen to baby-sit my two children at my home. Must be flexible, live on the east side and have own transportation. If interested call Robert or Chasity at 227-5388.(1)

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Sale

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Computer items — Epson Stylus Color 600 printer, good shape, \$35. Yamaha YMF724 chipset sound card, works good, \$10. Both comes with original software. Call Paul 227-4774.(1)

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Laptop — AST 120 pentium with 80M RAM, 1G HD, 56K Modem, \$550. Call 227-2656.(1)

Miscellaneous — Six children chairs great for day care or preschool, \$100 takes all, toddler race car bed, \$100, large new pet carrier, \$20, vacuum cleaner, \$30, seven ft. live potted Christmas tree (Have a fresh tree every year.), \$100. Call 227-9970.(1)

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Miscellaneous — Intelix stationary exercise bike, good condition and has an electronic pulse reader, awesome workout in 30 minutes, \$100 OBO, two solid wood end tables with glass tops, light cherry finish as seen in furniture mart, \$150, for both or OBO, Living room carpet that fits two bedroom apts. Perfect condition with padding and soft enough to sleep on. Ivory color and brightens up any room, asking \$250 OBO. Call Emma 227-8704.(1)

AUTOMOBILES

1989 Nissan — Silvia, navy blue, JCI until 2002, sporty, perfect condition, kenwood cd/stereo, power everything. \$2,400 OBO. 227-8704.(1)

1990 Nissan — Skyline four door, auto with OD, A/C, power everything, gray, JCI until March 2001. \$2,500 OBO. 227-4795.(1)

1990 Mazada Capella/626 — Automatic, 4-door, power windows and locks, A/C. JCI until April 2001. \$1,950 OBO. 227-2793 or 225-9331.(1)

1989 Nissan Vanette — Excellent mechanical condition, recent JCI until May 2002, two new tires, new battery, starter, exhaust, tune-up and oil change. \$1,900. 227-4629.(1).

1988 Toyota Corona — JCI until Oct. 2001, excellent condition, new battery and good tires, \$1,600 OBO. 227-4186.(1)

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Ryan Hermie at 227-5784.(1)

1993 Nissan Sunny — Five speed, JCI till Oct 2000, runs great and good A/C and heat \$1,800. Call Bryan or Dave at 225-5274.(1)

1996 Toyota Rav Four — four door, sun roof, six CD changer, navigator, T.V., alarm, chrome, wheels, keyless locks, loaded. Great shape , \$8,000. Contact Paige cell at 0909-644-4886 or bigpaige@hotmail.com.(1)

1989 Toyota — Vista,white, JCI until Jan. 2001, road tax paid, automatic, all power, second owner and great condition. \$1,700 OBO. 227-4730 or 225-8951.(1)

1989 Grey Toyota Camry — Excellent condition, automatic A/C and TSW, AM/FM cassette, new tires and JCI till April 2002. \$2,000. Call Wes at 225-2361 or 227-7977.(1)

1987 Mazda — Etude, automatic, JCI until Jan. 2001, A/C, all power, runs great, \$900. 227-9611.(2)

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1989 Ford — Festiva, JCI until May 2002, convertible, A/C, all power \$1,200. 227-9282.(2)

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1989 Nissan — Silvia, dark blue, JCI until Feb. 2002. \$2,000 OBO. 042-566-4160.(2)

1984 Honda — Goldwing, interstate 1,200cc, excellent condition, low miles, see at Bldg.1047A, JCI until June 2002. 227-2463.(2)

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Motorcycle - 1997 Honda VTR 1000F, silver, low miles, \$5,000 OBO. 042-566-4160.(2)

1984 Nissan — Van, good running condtion, JCI until Dec. 2001, \$500 OBO. carter@yta.attmil.ne.jp.(2)

1989 Toyota - Vista, white, JCI until Dec. 2000, road tax paid, automatic, all power, second owner, great condition, \$1,700 OBO. 227-4730.(2)

1987 Honda — Civic, shuttle, 4 Door Hatchback, runs good, spacious, low mileage, JCI until July 2000, \$500 OBO. 227-4836.(2)

1986 Toyota — Master surf, automatic, excellent condition, electric lunch and beverage cooler/heater, sun roofs, JCI until June 2002. \$1,500 OBO. 227-9021.(2)

1988 Nissan — Sunny, 4-door Super Salon, excellent condition, automatic, FM/AM/Cass stereo, \$600 OBO. 227-9021.(2)

1993 Toyota — Ceres, red, automatic, power windows and doors, excellent condition, \$3,600 OBO. 227-5654.(2)

1989 Mitsubishi — Pajero, intercooler turbo, 5 speed, 10 CD changer, power windows and doors, \$3,500.00 OBO. 227-5654.(2)

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“I knew I was going to take the wrong train, so I left early.”

— Yogi Berra
MLB Hall of Famer



Fanatic expresses love for the game

By Senior Master Sgt. Gordon Van Vleet
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A very important meeting was held June 30, at Yokota’s main fitness center. Coaches from most of the base’s intramural softball teams gathered to hear what was generally anticipated to be “bad news” – we expected the season to be cancelled after less than two thirds of the games had been played. And that’s exactly what the gym staff’s game plan was. Well I was ready to fight...for my right...to play sooooooftball!

I’ll come right out and say it ... I’m a softball fanatic. I love the game, as much as anyone can love a sport.

Sure, I enjoy other sports such as football, basketball and baseball. Uh, sorry about not mentioning soccer and ice hockey, but I’m a small-town boy, born and raised in the mid-west. During that time, soccer was something they did in Europe, and the first taste of ice hockey I ever got was watching the 1980 Winter Olympics when we kicked some Russian butt. Well, actually we didn’t kick their butts, but we did take game seven 4-3.

I’m not a couch potato. I try to go to the gym on a regular basis, and for the most part, that’s all I need. But there is one thing missing — competition. The extra push, the adrenaline rush that comes from making a great play, the constant anticipation that keeps you on your toes, the choreographic maneuvers with your teammates that seem to come from nowhere as you work together toward a common goal. They all make competitive sports the added ingredient needed to keep a person’s body and mind in shape.

Anyway, my forte is softball. I enjoy football and basketball, but past experience keeps me from playing. I paid my dues to football with two of my teeth, and basketball – well let’s just say that it seems every time I’m under the rim I come down on someone else’s foot. I’m the one with the crutches.

Softball is a big sport for the wannabe great athletes. I’m not “professional” quality, but I can still make the Willie Mays catch in center field and although I don’t have a cannon on my shoulder, I’ve nailed my fair share runners from left. I know there are many others out there that feel the same. Like the players who get the respect with the intentional walk or having the outfielders play them on the warning track, and the infielders that get the nicknames like “The Vacuum” or “The Glove.” Softball’s a game where you can be Sgt. Joe Average during the day and “The Hammer” under the lights.

If baseball is our “National Pastime” then softball is our working American’s “Recreational Pastime.” Just about every small city worth its salt has a sports complex with four

or five softball fields. Just about every night you will see teams dueling it out on the diamond. They’ve got names like “Joe’s Tavern” or “Spikes & Cleats Sports Club” stitched on the back of their uniform. And from some of the games I’ve witnessed, some players could be candidates for The King & His Court.

Back to the present. With this need and love for the game, I was ready to fight for my softball fix. Sure enough when the meeting got underway, that was the proposition given to the coaches...kill the rest of the season and go into a double-elimination playoff. But, giving credit where credits due, the gym staff gave us a chance to voice our opinion and see if we could come up with a better solution.

The only constraint we had was the season needed to be over with by mid-July. Seems flag football’s season was moved up a month because some of the players complained the ground was too hard. Too hard? Some of those football players need to try sliding into second base at Yokota field after the sun bakes it for a few days. I’d rather do a belly flop on asphalt.

Anyhow, I was glad to get what I could get. So after a somewhat lengthy discussion, the coaches and gym staff

settled on trying to finish the season by July 15, playing everyday including Saturdays, and then go into a playoff taking the top four from each league.

I knew it wasn’t the gym staff’s fault for the lack of games we played. I know it was because of all the rain we had. During the regular season, which ended June 21, our team only played 7 of 15 games, the rest were rainouts or inspection cancelled. I know these are hard times because of manning shortages, deployments and money. I know the gym staff has to try to please everyone, but I also know that softball is a big part of the military – show me an Air Force base without softball and I’ll show you a remote.

I just want to play softball and I’ll be the first to admit I’m bias when it comes to defending the need to have more softball games and longer seasons. So I’ll just end this with a challenge. If we can’t have longer seasons, then how about some tournaments? Remember when the \$100-per-entry tournaments were as much a part of a summer holiday as fireworks? Give me a call and let’s see what we can do? Well I’m rounding third and heading for home. See you again.

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Dynamic Duo

Cliff Hynson (left) and Ken Riley finished the 4th of July Firecracker 5K run in 18 minutes and 40 seconds. The duo led a group of more than 100 runners in this Services Sponsored event. Hynson and Riley often compete so it was their idea to finish with their hands clasped to show friendship.

A photograph of two men, Cliff Hynson and Ken Riley, running side-by-side on a paved path. They are both shirtless, wearing athletic shorts and running shoes. They are holding hands, and their expressions show they are in good form. The background shows a grassy field and some trees under a clear sky.

Photo by Senior Airman Matt Miller

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